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For: SYSTEM FOR AND METHOD OF  
VARIABLE ANNUITY CONTRACT  
ADMINISTRATION

**STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b)**

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Sir:

As shown by the attached copy of the Power of Attorney to Prosecute Applications Before the USPTO, the undersigned attorney of Winston & Strawn LLP (Customer No. 28765) has been appointed to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the United States Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

An assignment of the entire interest in the above-identified subject application from the inventors to the assignee:

- ☐ will separately be submitted for recordation.  
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The undersigned attorney has reviewed this assignment and, to the best of his/her knowledge and belief, the application is owned by the Assignee, The Guardian Life Insurance Company, and that he/she is empowered and authorized to act on their behalf.

Please direct all correspondence for this application to Customer No. 28765 to the attention of the Patent Department (telephone 202-282-5904, facsimile 202-282-5100).

Respectfully submitted,

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